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TO: AMERICAN EMBASSY SAIGON
AMERICAN EMBASSY VIENTIANE

FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER

1. Joseph Kraft, the columnist, has enlisted our assistance in obtaining space on ICC flight from Vientiane to Hanoi on Tuesday, July 4. His trip to North Vietnam has no, repeat no, connection with White House, but we feel it is in our interest to assist in his transportation.

2. Canadian Embassy in Washington had been notified of our interest and was assured that Kraft had seat on flight. However, telegram from Kraft as of 1120 hours July 3, 1972 indicates he still does not have seat on airplane. Canadian Embassy has asked that we contact Commissioner Jackson in Saigon and inform him of possible problem. They are at the same time contacting Ottawa.

3. Embassy Vientiane is requested to contact Kraft and inform him of steps we are taking and keep him advised of developments. Please keep White House advised via this channel.

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